

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): K. OKAMOTO, et al.  
Application No.: 10/799,657  
Filed: March 15, 2004  
For: FRICTION STIR WELDING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
AND PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
Group: 1725  
Examiner: L. Edmondson

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 17, 2005

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed September 17, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

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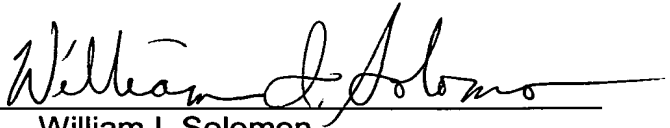
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